

Journal

Office of Legislative Counsel

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1. Talked with William Macomber, State Department, and advised him that the DCI was going to see Representative Emilio Q. Daddario (D., Conn.) this Thursday on the Downey case. Macomber indicated Daddario proposed to send a letter to the Chinese Communist government. State is not objecting to such a letter but would prefer that it not go.

Also mentioned to Macomber my proposed meeting with Senator John Sherman Cooper.

2. Talked with John Hoghland in State on the [redacted] It was agreed that the report of this matter furnished to State by CI Staff would be utilized by Hoghland to discuss the case with Representative Laurence Curtis. Depending on the outcome of this discussion, we will determine an appropriate approach to Senator Kennedy on the same case.

3. Robert Gahagen and Legislative Counsel met with Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) to request appropriate action by the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission in making some type of an award [redacted]

Senator Cooper indicated probable favorable action by the Commission although he would have to discuss it with an executive committee and would advise us Thursday or Friday of this week. It was indicated to the Senator that appropriate invitation to the U. S. to accept such an award was a part of the package. The Senator was also advised we had discussed this matter with the Department of State.

4. Talked further with Ben Mandel concerning [redacted] He was advised that [redacted] had been in contact with the Agency and its predecessor organizations on a number of occasions, but we found no record of an actual contact with General Vandenberg. Representatives of the Agency listened to what [redacted] had to say, but had no close contact with him.